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FATHER AND SON PLEAD GUILTY IN HAZARDOUS WASTE CASE

PHILADELPHIA - U.S. Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the guilty pleas entered by Moshe Rubashkin and Sholom Rubashkin, both of Brooklyn, New York, in connection with hazardous waste illegally stored at a textile factory in Allentown. Moshe Rubashkin pleaded guilty today to one count of illegal storage of hazardous waste without a permit. His son, Sholom, pleaded guilty, on January 7, 2008, to one count of making a materially false statement.

The convictions stem from defendants' ownership and operation of Montex Textiles, a textile dyeing, bleaching and weaving business formerly located in Allentown, Pennsylvania. When the business ceased operations in 2002, numerous containers of hazardous waste were stored at the site without the necessary environmental permits. After local authorities responded to two fires that occurred at the site, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") initiated a major clean-up of the property in October 2005 joined by the City of Allentown, including disposal of numerous containers of hazardous waste and hazardous substances located thereon.

Pursuant to the terms of the plea agreement, both defendants have agreed to be jointly and severally liable for restitution in the amount of \$450,000, which is to be divided at the government's discretion between the USEPA and the City of Allentown. Sentencing for Moshe Rubashkin is scheduled for July 16, 2008. Sentencing for Sholom Rubashkin is scheduled for March 18, 2008. Each defendant faces a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division and Office of Inspector General. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Morgan-Kelly, with the assistance of Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Lisa.

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